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Planning Commission and City Council Members,

The staff has done you a great disservice by presenting maps that do not adequately reflect the reality of the built environment and further have ignored the entire intent of the Shoreline Management Act originally established, which was to promote fostering all "reasonable and appropriate uses" in a manner that contemplates protecting against adverse effect to public health, the land and vegetation and wildlife along the shorelines.

The majority of Bainbridge Island has been developed for many years and 50% plus of the shoreline has bulkheads, to ignore that reality and to suggest that our community at Agate Point which has been developed for 75 plus years should now be placed into a zoning of residential conservancy does not make any sense at all. Why should the areas that are moderate to high bank waterfront be restricted in the use of their waterfront, requiring larger buffers and making existing bulkheads and docks non-conforming as well as restricting or prohibiting stairs, boating etc. The Department of Ecology only suggests and so long as you do the work that you were elected to do there is no rationale for increasing buffer sizes, planting native vegetation, eliminating bulkheads, planting shade trees etc. and that has been conclusively proven to be erroneous. The most important thing is improving the value and function of the current riparian corridors.

I respectfully request that you consider three shoreline designations and they are urban, shoreline residential and natural for sensitive areas. The maps should not be approved until they can be analyzed in conjunction with the final regulations and every property owner should be notified of the regulation and how it will affect them.

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